

# **City of Gahanna**

*200 South Hamilton Road  
Gahanna, Ohio 43230*



## **Meeting Minutes**

**Monday, February 8, 2010**

**7:00 PM**

**Council Committee Rooms**

## **Public Service & Safety**

*John McAlister, Chair  
Thomas C. Evers  
Shane Ewald*



**Members Absent:** Thomas C. Evers

**Members Present:** John McAlister and Shane W. Ewald

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**ADDITIONAL ATTENDEES:**

Dottie Franey, Jeff Feltz, Karl Wetherholt, Terry Emery, Chief Dennis Murphy, Gen. Jim Williams, Brandi Braun, Tom Kneeland, Isobel Sherwood, Mike Andrako, Grant Reveal, Angel Mumma; Press.

**ISSUES - From Chief of Police:**

**Municipal Fire Safety Inspector**

Chief Murphy said we have to do this every year; appointment by the Safety Director of Municipal Fire Inspectors; Fire Chief of Mifflin and Jefferson Townships.

Recommendation: Motion Resolution, Consent.

**ISSUES - From Director of Public Service:**

**Permission to Bid - Shull Avenue/Carpenter Rd. Waterline Replacement**

Emery said we are asking for permission to bid the Shull Ave./Carpenter Rd. waterline replacement; is in the 2010 budget; is an EPA mandated project; west side of Shull up to Carpenter; south side of Carpenter; total replacement.

Ewald questioned sidewalks being part of this project. Andrako said this project is only waterline and drainage improvements and updates; have applied for a Safe Routes to Schools grant; actual work will be the waterline; will make it easier to put in sidewalks if we get the funding; grading will be ready to put sidewalks in. Ewald asked when we would hear about the grant. Andrako said Parks actually submitted the grant; thinks we should hear in spring. Ewald said we may want to take the funds from Capital Improvements without the grant money in place to put the sidewalks in; thought the two projects were going to be tied together. Wetherholt said the projects would be very compatible; contractor could come back and put sidewalks in overtop of the waterline project with little trouble.

Recommendation: Motion Resolution, Consent

**Permission to Bid - Debra Lane/Shara Park Place/Sandra Ct. Water Line Installation**

Emery said this is to bid the waterline installation for Debra Lane, Shara Park and Sandra Ct.; for a 6" new waterline in area; they do not have City water. Kneeland questioned Ballard and Cherry having water and sewer; will that be addressed. Emery said they do have water and we will be addressing the sewer in the near future.

Recommendation: Motion Resolution, Consent.

**Permission to Bid - Fire Hydrant materials**

Emery said this is something we do every year.



Recommendation: Motion Resolution, Consent.

### **Copier Lease Agreement**

Emery said we listed the various vendors in our report; contract is up on copiers in April; recommending we lease through MT Business Technologies; they are our current vendor and have provided excellent service; their proposed monthly lease is actually less than what our current one is.

McAlister asked how many copiers we have and Emery said 9 in various areas and buildings.

Recommendation: 1st Reading, Consent; no need to come back; 2nd Reading, Consent.

### **ISSUES - From City Engineer:**

#### **I-270 Ramp Modification - Imp. No. 797**

Wetherholt said it has been several years to get everything in place; ODOT is ready to bid this project in March; asking for consent legislation to move forward and requesting emergency; Council office has the ODOT package that has everything on it; two committees from now will come to terminate the SIB loan; will cost \$10,000; estimated project cost of \$3.77 million is covered by state and federal funding; there are a few proprietary items that we want that ODOT will not fund. After question Wetherholt said that the big, long slip ramps will be eliminated on Hamilton; all will come into one spot that will be signalized; have to add lanes to allow for more stacking on the ramps so do not have backup onto the freeway; does tie into bridge project because federal highway will not let us proceed with the bridge project until the ramp modifications are done. McAlister asked if this is the project that is getting the stimulus funding? Wetherholt and Andrako said yes, \$1.9 million.

Recommendation: 1st Reading, Consent; no need to come back; 2nd Reading, Regular Agenda.

#### **Hamilton Granville Intersection - Imp. No. 883**

Wetherholt said that right of way is needed for 10 parcels; schools meet this week to approve a settlement; have settled with three others; still have five not settled so will have to file with court; need to hire outside special counsel to do the filing; have an expert do it; need an ordinance to engage attorney who specializes in eminent domain cases; also need five ordinances authorizing the City Attorney or designee to file cases in court; expenses are eligible for 90 percent reimbursement through ODOT safety grant obtained for the project; asking for emergency on all. Wetherholt said easements are small temporary easements; BP Station will have the biggest impact, and it is the biggest safety problem; Fifth Third will be reworking the driveway and they do not like the proposed median.

McAlister asked the total cost of the project and Andrako said approximately \$1.3 million; out of our pocket 10% local match.

Recommendation: 1st Reading, Consent; no need to come back; 2nd Reading, Consent.

### **Discussion Items:**

McAlister asked if there is anything that anyone would like to discuss.



Emery said concerning the snow removal process we have encountered some people who are upset with the snow that is left at the end of their driveways after we plow the streets; our obligation is to clear the streets; one person may come to Council to express concerns. McAlister said no one had contacted him about it. Emery said we also have the AEP outage updates attached to our report; good document to look through; outages fluctuate; haven't observed one quarter better than another or changes because of weather events.

Ewald said he feels it is a change with the separation of the Shull/Carpenter waterline project and the sidewalks; like to see cost to go ahead and fund the sidewalk part. McAlister said everything would have to settle down before we can put anything on top anyway. Ewald said he just wants to go ahead. Andrako said if that is the pleasure of Council; at the time when we are doing a lot of ground work can go in there and put them in.

Ewald said he has received a call from a resident concerned about westbound traffic on Carpenter at Jefferson Elementary; not proceeding safely around crossing guards; like to have the Chief look into this; possibly left-only out; then always have to go to entry; left-only during certain school hours. Chief Murphy said let's go out and look at it.

**Donna L. Jernigan, MMC, Sr. Deputy Clerk of Council**